due to the fact that the mandatory flight calibration of DVOR could not yet be carried out for want of high altitude calibration aircraft. Indian Air Force has been requested for their assistance in flight calibration of the system.

Change in security arrangements

1511. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any change has been introduced in the security arrangements at the National and International Airports after the attack on the World Trade Centre in USA; and

(b) if so, the details of improvements made in the security arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) After the recent terrorist attacks in USA, the following security measures have been taken, *inter alia*, to further strengthen security at the airports in India in order to prevent hijackings and other unlawful interference with civil aviation operations:—

(i) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in a time bound manner;

(ii) Deployment of Sky Marshals on all routes of scheduled domestic airlines, including private airlines;

(iii) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams at major airports;

(iv) Strict access control, including mandatory ladder point security checks of passengers and their hand baggage;

(v) Security audit of airports, followed by necessary action for further strengthening of security arrangements.

Concession to senior citizens

1512. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering piteous conditions of senior citizens in the country, Government propose to grant some more concessions to them who have crossed the age of seventy five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and